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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 August 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 and 24-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 and 24-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the RCE filed on 8/15/05.
2. Claims 1-2, 9-10, 18, 22 and 24 have been amended.
3. Claim 23 has been canceled.
4. Claims 1-22 and 24-30 are pending.
5. The objection to the disclosure is pending.
6. Claims 1-22 and 24-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Poulsen (U.S 5,812,852).

Specification

7. As pointed out in a previous Office Action (Mailed on 12/23/2004, par. 2), the disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: "Summary of the Invention" section is missing.

37 C.F.R. 1.73 states "A brief summary of the invention indicating its nature and substance, which may include a statement of the object of the invention, **should** precede the detailed description. Such summary should, when set forth, be commensurate with the invention as claimed and any object recited should be that of the invention as claimed." Therefore, the applicant is requested to submit "Summary of the Invention" section.

Appropriate correction is required.

Response to Amendment

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

8. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

9. Claims 1-22 and 24-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Poulsen (U.S 5,812,852).

Per Claim 1 (Amended):

The Poulsen patent discloses:

- a method comprising: receiving a first program unit in a parallel computing environment having a team of parallel threads including at least a first and second thread, the first program unit including a memory copy operation to be performed between the first thread and the second thread (column 4, lines 62-67)

- translating the first program unit into a second program unit, the second program unit to associate the memory copy operation with a set of one or more instructions, the set of instructions to ensure that the second thread copies data based, in part, on a first descriptor associated with the first thread; and copying an address of the first descriptor to a two address buffer (column 4, line 67 to column 5, lines 1-20; and column 6, lines 64-67 to

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column 7, lines 1-6; a new pointer variable is declared for the new compound object, and any reference to the new compound object is made via the new pointer variable. That is, the new pointer variable is interpreted as the first descriptor associated with the first thread. Furthermore, parallel regions are interpreted as a two address buffer.).

Per Claim 2 (Amended):

The Poulsen patent discloses:

- further comprising copying data into a memory area associated with the second thread based, in part, on address and data information associated with the first descriptor (column 5, lines 11-20).

Per Claim 3:

The Poulsen patent discloses:

- further comprising copying data into a memory area associated with second thread utilizing, in part, a second descriptor associated with the second thread (column 6, lines 64-67 to column 7, lines 1-6).

Per Claim 4:

The Poulsen patent discloses:

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- further comprising enabling the first thread to copy an address of the first descriptor to a buffer and setting a signal to enable the second thread to copy data associated with the first descriptor to a memory area associated with the second thread (column 6, lines 64-67 to column 7, lines 1-6).

Per Claim 5:

The Poulsen patent discloses:

- further comprising enabling the first thread to enter a wait state after the signal is set (column 6, lines 64-67 to column 7, lines 1-6).

Per Claim 6:

The Poulsen patent discloses:

- further comprising releasing the first thread from a wait state upon completion of the data copy operation by the second thread (column 6, lines 64-67 to column 7, lines 1-6).

Per Claim 7:

The Poulsen patent discloses:

- further comprising enabling the first thread to copy an address the first descriptor to one of two buffer areas (column 6, lines 64-67 to column 7, lines 1-6).

Per Claim 8:

The Poulsen patent discloses:

- further comprising receiving the first program unit in source code format and translating the first program unit into a second program unit in source code format (column 8, lines 28-39).

Per Claims 9-10 (Amended), 11-15 & 17:

These are machine-readable medium versions of the claimed method discussed above (claims 1-8, respectively), wherein all claim limitations also have been addressed and/or covered in cited areas as set forth above. Thus, accordingly, these claims are also anticipated by Poulsen.

Per Claim 16:

This is a machine-readable medium version of the claimed method discussed above, claim 3, wherein all claim limitations also have been addressed and/or covered in cited areas as set forth above. Thus, accordingly, this claim is also anticipated by Poulsen.

Per Claim 18 (Amended):

The Poulsen patent discloses:

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- a method comprising: receiving a first program unit in a parallel computing environment and translating the first program unit, in part, into one or more computer instructions, the instructions enabling a second thread in a team of threads to copy data, into a memory area associated with the second thread, from a private memory area associated with a first thread (column 4, line 67 to column 5, lines 1-20)

- and copying an address of a descriptor into a two address buffer utilized by the second thread, in part, to copy data from the memory area associated with the first thread (column 5, lines 11-20; and column 6, lines 64-67 to column 7, lines 1-6; Parallel regions are interpreted as a two address buffer.).

Per Claim 19:

The Poulsen patent discloses:

- further comprising creating a descriptor utilized, in part, by the second thread to copy data into the memory area associated with the second thread (column 5, lines 11-14).

Per Claim 20:

The Poulsen patent discloses:

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- further comprising setting a signal by the first thread enabling the second thread to copy the data from the memory area associated with the first thread (column 6, lines 64-67 to column 7, lines 1-6).

Per Claim 21:

The Poulsen patent discloses:

- further comprising entering a wait state by the first thread until the second thread copies the data from the memory area associated with the first thread (column 6, lines 64-67 to column 7, lines 1-6).

Per Claims 22 (Amended), 24 (Amended) & 25-28:

These are apparatus versions of the claimed method discussed above (claims 1-6 & 8), wherein all claim limitations also have been addressed and/or covered in cited areas as set forth above, including “a memory including a shared memory location” (column 8, lines 28-45).

Thus, accordingly, these claims are also anticipated by Poulsen.

Per Claim 29:

The Poulsen patent discloses:

- wherein the first descriptor is passed to the first program unit (column 8, lines 46-51).

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Per Claim 30:

The Poulsen patent discloses:

- wherein the translation unit translates the first program unit, in part, into a second program unit in source code format and the second program unit includes the memory copy operation (column 8, lines 28-39).

Response to Arguments

10. Applicant's arguments filed on 8/15/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In the remarks, the applicant argues that:

a) The claims have been amended to call for a two address buffer. The two address buffer is explained in the specification at page 12, lines 3-11.

Since none of the cited art shows such a buffer, the claims should now be in condition for allowance.

Examiner's response:

a) Examiner strongly disagrees with applicant's assertion that Poulsen fails to disclose the claimed limitations recited in claims 1-22 and 24-30. Poulsen clearly shows each and every limitation in claims 1-22 and 24-30.

Poulsen teaches a two address buffer (column 6, lines 64-67 to column 7, lines 1-6; Parallel regions are interpreted as a two address buffer.).

In addition, see the rejection above in paragraph 9 for rejection to claims 1-22 and 24-30.

Conclusion

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Qamrun Nahar whose telephone number is (571) 272-3730. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Fridays from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

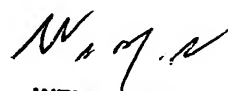
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Q. Dam, can be reached on (571) 272-3695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or processing is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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